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## TENDERS FOR FIREGUARDS

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Fireguard" and addressed to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, Alberta, will be received up to noon on Wednesday, June 9th, 1909, for procuring the following Fireguards, which, in case of re-ploughing or back-setting, should be ploughed to the full width of original award, which should be 16 feet in width and of sufficient depth to cut and cover all weeds, grass, etc. When breaking, new ground must be done to the full width of 16 feet less than 4 inches in depth.

- 2638—Digging fireguard along the south boundary of Blackfoot Indian Reserve, that is, on the north boundary of township 10, south of the line between ranges 24 and 25, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 7.1 miles.
- 2639—Digging fireguard starting at the south-east corner of township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 24 miles.
- 2640—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2641—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2642—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2643—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2644—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2645—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2646—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
- 2647—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.
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- 2650—Digging fireguard running north and south through township 10, range 24, east of the 4th meridian, and following the line between ranges 24 and 25, north of the line between ranges 24 and 25, to the north boundary of township 10, all west of the 4th meridian. Approximate distance, 19 miles.

The successful tenderer will be required to complete the work not later than July 2nd, 1909. All tenders must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, express or money order in favour of the Minister of Public Works for 5% of the tendered price, and in case of a small award for less than \$1000, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the tenderer to enter into contract and complete the work, which must be forfeited if the successful tenderer refuses to enter into a proper contract for the work or fails to complete the work. Separate tenders must be made for each place of work and number of fireguard, as above, and must be marked on outside of envelope.

Work must be commenced immediately after frost goes out of ground and completed by date above mentioned.

Payment will be subject to the work being accepted after an examination by an Inspector appointed by this Department.

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## Alberta Provincial Exhibition

The Famous Navassars Ladies' Band of New York will Attend

The famous Navassars Ladies' Band of New York is coming to Calgary for the Alberta Provincial Exhibition July 5th to 10th. This band is composed of 45 of the best lady musicians in the world, has up to the present played only in such large centres as Paris, St. Petersburg, New York, Chicago, and other large centres in Europe and the United States. It has thus occasioned considerable surprise that a musical organization of such merit, should have been prevailed upon to travel such a distance, especially when it is impossible to fill all the engagements offered in the East; but it is understood that when the trip out to Alberta was suggested to Miss Augusta Dial, the leader of the band, she determined that she would see the West this summer, much to the disappointment of Easterners who had counted on hearing the Navassars Ladies' Band at Asbury Park, New Jersey, and other big pleasure resorts during the mid-summer vacations. The people who have listened to the band at the Pavilion on the "Board Walk" at Asbury Park usually paid \$3.50 for a reserved seat. In Calgary it will cost but 50c. to hear these musicians, (25c. admission to grounds, and 25c. for a seat on the grandstand. "Gussie" Dial is popularly known as a thorough musician, having passed with high honors several examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Music. Miss Dial is very particular in choosing the members of the Navassars Band, and, as a result of her painstaking efforts, she now has the pleasure of leading forty-five ladies who play better than most masculine-made-up bands. This group of artistes use the same kind of instruments as do male military bands. The band includes eight celebrated soloists of unusual musical ability. In addition to the regular selections, several novelties are provided. The "Anvil Chorus" from *Trovatore* by Verdi is included among these. It is very spectacular. Six or eight of the Navassars girls are dressed as blacksmiths standing by any anvil which are connected with electricity. When these are struck, showers of sparks are thrown about, the effect being very pretty. It reminds many spectators of one of memory's pictures, showing a group of merry villagers at the close of day, standing in a smithy's door, watching the sparks fly as his brawny arms bring the hammer down upon the anvil, causing a pleasant ringing sound, the real music of which, however, is not brought home to them until the echo is carried up from the Valley of Yesterday on the air which is filled with the music of the Navassars Ladies' Band.

Another of the Band's outstanding novelties is the selection called the "Locomotive Girl." The scenery represents the locomotive and the girls the engineers. The bells are rung in pleasing rhythm, and the audiences never fail to be delighted with this selection—but the best is none too good for the West—that is why the Navassars Ladies' Band is coming. Everyone should hear those musicians and we feel sure everyone will like them immensely.

Guineas were first struck by Charles II., in 1660, from gold brought from Guinea. They were fixed at 21 shillings in 1717. The first sovereign was coined in 1817, in which year the guineas were finally withdrawn from circulation.

## Russian Thistle

By T. B. R. Henderson, B.S.A.,  
Chief Inspector of Weeds

The Russian thistle (*Salsola kali*, v. *Tragus*), commonly known as Russian tumbleweed and Russian cactus, is an annual. It commences its growth early in May, the seeds ripening from August until the plant is killed by frost. The leaves and branches of the young plant are tender, dark green in color, and thread-like, which gives it the appearance of a young pine tree. As the plant grows it branches freely, assumes a spherical shape and takes on a reddish hue. Each branch is covered with spine-like leaves arranged in threes. The flowers and later the seeds are found at the base of these prickles. When mature it is sometimes three or four feet in diameter; it has a bleached appearance, and resembles the mature tumbleweed (*Amarantus albus*). The mature plant breaks off at the root and is easily carried over the land to great distances by the wind, dropping its seeds as it goes. Single plants have been known to produce as high as 300,000 seeds.

The native home of the Russian thistle is in South-eastern Russia and Western Siberia. In that region the climate is usually dry—the annual precipitation ranging from five to seventeen inches. Alkali soils, suited to the growth of the saltworts, of which the Russian thistle is one, are abundant. The plains are swept by winds which break off the mature plants in the fall and carry them long distances. Any country having conditions corresponding to those existing in South-eastern Russia is well adapted to the growth of the Russian Thistle. It prefers a high, dry soil and is seldom found growing in the vicinity of sloughs.

The Russian thistle first made its appearance in South Dakota in 1873, the seeds having been brought from Russia with flax seed. Through the agencies of the wind and the railroad, and by importations of foul seed grain from infested areas, it has now spread over a wide range, and is found to a greater or less extent in the prairie provinces. It was first noticed in the south-eastern part of Alberta about the year 1894, when it made its appearance along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In that vicinity very little land was brought under cultivation until the years 1903 and 1904, and as land suitable for a seed bed did not present itself, the thistle made little progress. Since 1903, however, large tracts of land have been broken up in

this locality and conditions created favouring the growth of the seeds. It is also reported that additional seed was brought from the States and sown with alfalfa. Since that time it has made rapid progress, scattering plants having been found in all parts of the province as far north as Edmonton.

In all countries where the Russian thistle is found it has been observed that in seasons with light rainfall and during which the land has not been properly cultivated, favourable opportunities are presented for its rapid growth with the result that it does considerable injury. It is a deep rooted plant and draws a large amount of moisture from the soil. It crowds out the growing grain, retarding its growth to such an extent that in a few cases it is unprofitable to harvest the crop. It is very hard on machinery, choking up farm implements and making soil cultivation a tedious and unsatisfactory operation. The prickles on the mature plants make it necessary to protect the horses' legs with gunny sacks or other material to prevent them being injured. Its presence therefore decreases the value of the land. On the contrary, however, if the rainfall is abundant and the ground well prepared so that the grain gets a good start, the thistle is held in check and does little damage. It will never prove a serious pest in localities where the annual precipitation is 22 inches and over, and where the land is well cultivated.

**METHODS OF CONTROL.**

The Russian thistle, being an annual, is reproduced only by its seed, and if a plant is cut off close to the ground or pulled up it will give no further trouble. The seeds are of low vitality, and very few, if any, will germinate after two years. Consequently if plants can be kept from seeding for two years in succession the thistle can be completely destroyed.

Method 1.—The value of a good summerfallow as a weed exterminator cannot be overestimated. When summerfallowing is practised in any of the old thistle plants remain on the ground over winter they should be raked up and buried to destroy any seeds they may contain, and prevent the possibility of the implements becoming choked up by the coarse branches which render their work ineffective. Disk and harrow the land as early as possible to germinate the seeds and start the plants growing. When the plants are young double disking and harrowing will kill them except in cases where the land is very dry, when these implements might not prove entirely satisfactory, but if they fail the use of a broad share cultivator will always be effective in cutting off and killing the weeds. The operation of disking and harrowing should be repeated as frequently as possible until about the 15th of June when it is time to plow. In every case when plowing is done in localities where the Russian thistle is present the land should be packed with a subsurface packer at the close of each day, or half a day, as it is plowed, and then harrowed. If a packer cannot be procured a heavy disk harrow should be used instead. Surface cultivation with the disk and harrow should be practised as often as possible, especially after a rain, during the remainder of the season. Summerfallowing is also practised to conserve moisture. In those parts of Alberta where the Russian thistle is common the annual precipitation seldom exceeds 17 inches and in order to get good yields it is necessary to summerfallow at least once in three years. The methods of cultivation advised in this bulletin for the destruction of weeds will also enable the soil to hold more moisture than if left in a loose and open condition. Sub-

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### Couldn't be Fooled

It was in the midst of a violent scene. The indignant wife had spared neither tears nor reproaches, when her husband interrupted her by saying: "My dear, tears are useless," he said. "I have discovered on analysis that tears contain a little phosphate of lime, some chlorate of sodium, and that's all."

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## A MAD SIGNALMAN.

British Sailor Goes Crazy and Causes Trouble.

A few days ago news leaked out of a strange incident which caused much mystification among the vessels of the Canadian fleet during the recent visit to Torbay.

During the week-end a signalman on board the third cruiser, the Diamond suddenly went mad. He sent all sorts of queer and incomprehensible messages from the ship to other vessels in the fleet. The climax was reached when the demented signalman threw overboard the lead cable holding the book containing the confidential signalling code. He was at once placed under arrest.

In the usual course the fleet took its departure from Torbay to Portland, but the Diamond remained behind to look for the lost book, the recovery of which was a matter of much importance. With the Diamond remained the battleship Swiftsure. Although a heavy sea was running in the bay, divers from the latter ship were down all day on Sunday searching for the missing book, but without success.

On the following Monday the Commonwealth steamed round the point, with divers from other ships of the fleet, and operations were resumed on a large scale. The Commander of the Swiftsure, who himself carried the direction of the search, was himself down all day on Sunday evening the missing book, but without success.

Like all receptacles in which confidential codes are kept, the box is weighed and sealed with a key which is taken in action before the signal book and code into the sea. The present crisis of such an important character that it had to be kept under the most vigilant watch.

As far back as the reign of Queen Elizabeth there was a crown official known as the "Uncle of the Queen." Those days it was to open all sealed letters sent by the sea and examine the contents. The "Uncle" continued to flourish down to the reign of George III, when the position was abolished. In 1787, while cruising in the Atlantic, a bottle of medicine was picked up on the beach of San Salvador in the Bahamas. In point of fact, the bottle had drifted on record, but it had been picked up by the bottle which had a corking message on the beach near Carmathen. The letter contained a message, dated as far back as March 1787, and it was found that the steamship Brunswick was sinking off Cape Horn. It was the last communication received from the ship, after drifting all the way from the Horn. In another case a bottle was thrown overboard by an American captain was not recovered until twenty-one years later, when it was picked up on the coast of Ireland.—English Illustrated.

**Lord Curzon's Misfortune.** The ex-Viceroy of India seems to have had his full share of mishaps. A thief has just secured a nice little haul of silver belonging to his lordship; a short time ago he was in a nasty motor-car accident, and prior to that had a cycling mishap. He had cycled down to the House of Commons early in the forenoon to get his letters, and was coming away again when, in Palace Yard, he very nearly came into collision with an elderly and consequential member of the House, who did not recognize him in his tweed suit and bilbock hat. According to the postmaster's statement, he said that his clerk should not be admitted into the House, and told him he might be very thankful that his arrest had not been ordered. Lord Curzon's reply to the clerk was certainly one of the most methodical of men, and it was said of him when in India that he could place his hand on any paper in his possession relating to India that he wanted.

**Tinworth's Pulpit.** Though it is true that a stream cannot rise above the spring, yet genius is always greater than personality, and George Tinworth, humble-minded, simple, a man of the people, would be the first to acknowledge that his gift was from above. A clergyman who visited Tinworth in his workshop was much struck by a pulpit in Doulton ware which he had designed and decorated. On one of the doors he had modeled a "Son of Man" had not where to lay His head. The clergyman asked him why he had put that on a pulpit. He said, "The bible and canon to see to it," he said, "when they go into the pulpit in their fine robes." Years afterwards the clergyman came back and reminded him of this. Since they had met, the clergyman had risen to be Archbishop of Canterbury. It was Dr. Benson.

**One Against the Judge.** One of Mr. Bigham's judgments is almost historic. A certain judge was distinguished amongst his contemporaries for his unpunctuality, and one day Mr. Bigham—then one of the busiest advocates of the day—waited for twenty-five minutes. Having a second case to attend to in another court, he went to see how it was getting on, and while he was gone the unpunctual judge arrived. "I have waited ten minutes for you," Mr. Bigham," he exclaimed, impatiently, "when the busy counsel returned, 'My lord,' was the bold remark, 'I waited five times as long for you.'"

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It is thin and watery, the lips and gums are pale, the whole system is weak and run down.

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**A Fatal Breach.** Brookton (with statistical bent)—Do you know old Allen, I've just been reading up a lot of statistics on present-day mortality, and I have learned some remarkable things. Why, every time I breathe a man dies!

Brookton (comprehendingly)—By the great gods, that's terrible! Then why in the name of the census don't you chew cloves?—Philadelphia Ledger.

**BETTER THAN SPANKING.** Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for it, and it can't help it. Sumners, Box W. 1, Windsor, Ont., will send free to any mother her successful son's treatment with full instructions. Send no money but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. Your treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

If some people were to think twice before smoking they would probably forget what they wanted to say.

**Same Tastes.** Muggins—My wife always makes over her old gowns. Bugins—And my wife satisfies herself with picking the gowns of the other woman to pieces.

**Good Enough for That.** "How do you like that batch of funny stories?" asked the editor. "Rotten," said the sub-editor. "Well, run them together as personal reminiscences of Mr. Gimlet, the famous wit and after-dinner speaker, and I guess they'll go."

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**Hard to Please.** "No man on earth is good enough for a woman," she said positively. "That's right, I guess," he replied. "I never yet heard of a man being able to please one."

**No Reason.** Friend—Don't you know anything about the burglary? The Victim—I don't think so. He doesn't suspect the police.

"He's familiar with all the best cellars."

"Yes; he reads gas meters."

Life is often a sentence at hard labor—with something added for good behavior.

According to a woman's point of view it is always the sins of the fathers that are visited upon the children.

And it sometimes happens that a man is married to his boss.

Many a man with wheels thinks he is the whole political machine.

## Trouble Upstairs

It was in a Cobalt hotel that the guest, registering in the office, heard a succession of loud yells. "What in the world is that?" a murder going on upstairs," he demanded.

"The books and lounged towards the stairs. "It's the spring bed up in the Number Five. That man has got them down not get the hang of it, and every few days he gets one of the spring springs to his head and a shirt stuck. I guess I'll have to go if there isn't anything I can do for you in a few minutes."

**Seeking Information.** "These booze jokes aren't always on the men," said Fred Wade at the Pleiades Club. "New Year's Day a fine looking woman rushed into Shanley's."

"Was my husband in here last night?" she faltered. "No," said the proprietor. "And was I with him?" she demanded to know in tones more tremulous still. "—Philadelphia Record.

Little five-year-old Margie had received a handsome doll at Christmas, and she mother asked her what she thought of it.

"Oh, it's just lovely," answered Margie, but it reminded her what she thought of it.

**Her Values.** "My dearest one," he said. "That was during the courtship stunt. My dearest one," he said again. "But that was after he had been appointed freight payer of the matrimonial combine."

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If people could live on food for thought the baker and butcher would have to retire from business.

Fools never listen to the wise; but the wise occasionally give ear to fools.

**Repeat it—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."**

The Parson (making a call)—And are you the eldest? Little Elsie—No, sir; there are two older than me.

The Parson—And what are their names? Little Elsie—Papa and mamma.

**Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.** Four-year-old Allen had been given a Noah's Ark on his birthday. One day he put the animals all in about the door and sat silent for some time. "What are you waiting for, Allen?" "Waiting for it to rain," he replied.

**Repeat it—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."**

A wise man never asks a woman her age; he simply tells her she doesn't look it.

He's a wise man who makes the mistake of guessing a woman's age too young.

It often happens that after putting up a big bluff a man falls over it.

A woman is somewhat of a fast express—unless she is tongue-tied.

**Forgetful.** "Young man," began the aged gentleman, "I am an old man, and I don't remember having told you."

"That's too bad," the young man replied. "Can't you have something done for your memory?"

**The Old Story.** I'm a War Cloud! I'm the War Cloud! And after covering all right; At the old stand, doing business, You'll find me right and tight. But I'm weary of the Balkans. And the fate I do condemn Making me, where I start from, Wind up all the time with them.—Baltimore American.

**First Step.** "I understand that your friend has taken preliminary steps towards divorcing."

"Why, he was married only this morn'g."

"Yes, that was what I had in mind."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Hard to Please.** "No man on earth is good enough for a woman," she said positively. "That's right, I guess," he replied. "I never yet heard of a man being able to please one."

**No Reason.** Friend—Don't you know anything about the burglary? The Victim—I don't think so. He doesn't suspect the police.

"He's familiar with all the best cellars."

"Yes; he reads gas meters."

Life is often a sentence at hard labor—with something added for good behavior.

According to a woman's point of view it is always the sins of the fathers that are visited upon the children.

And it sometimes happens that a man is married to his boss.

Many a man with wheels thinks he is the whole political machine.

## STORIES OF LORD NORTHGOTE.

He Once Bore a Kiss and a Sausage

For a Girl to Her Lover.

Appropos of Lord Northgote's name being mentioned as a probable successor to Earl Grey in Canada, it may be noted that his lordship was once made courtier at the residence of the Governor-General of Australia. Strolling one night through an avenue of some trees to a friend's house to dinner, he was suddenly pounced upon by a maid-servant, who kissed him effusively and pressed a little parcel into his hand.

"Here's a sausage for you. I can't come out to-night, as my master has company," she whispered, and as mysteriously disappeared.

When he got to the house, he found one of his servants loitering by the gate.

"What are you doing here?" asked Lord Northgote. "I'm waiting for my sweetheart," the man stammered.

"Where is she?" "In the house."

"Ah, then I am right. Here I am waiting for my sweetheart, and she wishes me to tell you that she cannot come out to-night, as her master has company."

Seeing that the man looked nervous, he added kindly: "You're a romantic, I'm sure for you; but perhaps you would rather wait till you see her. Here is five shillings instead."

An enterprising newspaper reporter who once happened to be holidaying at the same seaside resort as Lord Northgote took the occasion by the hand by asking for some advice on a policy his paper proposed to adopt.

"Advice I am always chary of," said his lordship. "It is so cheap, and Lord Northgote has been so many years watching a boy pushing a heavy cart up a hill. The hill was steep; the cart was heavy; the boy was slow; the work itself was almost horizontal. 'Push it up the hill,' I cried, 'and you will get a deal of it.' Much advice."

"The boy snarled back: 'Not so much of yer bloomin' advice. Come and give a shove.'"

**A Popular Leader.** One of the most striking and popular preachers of the Nonconformist pulpit to-day is the Rev. J. H. Jowett, who is to be president of the British Free Church Council for 1910. Mr. Jowett is the youngest man who has ever been elected to this responsible position.

He is only forty-five years of age, but he has crowded an immense amount of work into his life. For thirteen years he has been minister of the Free Church of Scotland, Birmingham, where Dr. Dale was amongst his predecessors.

Mr. Jowett only became a minister a year ago, and his sermon so impressed him that he stayed behind after the service to thank Dr. Dale for the benefit he had derived from his discourse.

The pulpit manner of Mr. Jowett is very unusual. He relies on no dramatic gestures or force of voice to drive truths home, but in a plain, simple, unassuming manner he leans over the front of the pulpit and quietly takes the congregation into his confidence.

But although he rarely raises his voice, the softness of which reminds one very much of the late C. H. Spurgeon, his utterance is so clear and so strong a word is rarely missed.

Mr. Jowett likes nothing better than to work in the open air, and his preaching is in his garden that the majority of his sermons are thought out, and where the people are so much as such a popular feature of The Sunday Strand, are written.

**Curious Marriage Tangle.** An extraordinary marriage complication was explained in the Lincoln (King) Police Court recently, when a girl named Rex applied for an order against a Mansfield pitman named Herbert Hall.

The parties had been married at Lincoln registry office, but after living together and having one child he man discovered that he had married his own niece by half-blood relationship. The girl's father, John Richards, chairman of the bench and a well-known Socialist, asked if it were possible to annul the marriage, and the legal barrier, he said, was a very silly piece of casuistry which ought to be entirely disregarded.

Eventually the magistrates made an order against the man to pay 60 cents a week to his "wife" in respect of the child.

**A New Peer.** The elevation of Mr. John Sinclair, M.P., to the peerage, makes the seventh member of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Government who has gone up to the House of Lords. Like Mr. Haldane, Mr. Sinclair is a product of Edinburgh Academy, which established, therefore, enjoys the distinction of having a couple of former students in the Cabinet. Mr. Sinclair was a soldier before he took to politics; he got his medical and clasp in the Sudan, and ultimately became private secretary to the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He was on great terms of intimacy with the late Prime Minister, who left him all his correspondence and private papers to be dealt with solely at his discretion.

**England's Living Boy Bishop.** A boy bishop is certainly an anomaly, and yet there is one; he is Master Ralph Bankes of Kingsley Lacy, and he is a lay bishop of Wimborne Minster, a title which has belonged to his family for centuries.

This child is at present eight years of age, and inherited his present dignity with his estates on his father's death.

**Gun-Running Into Afghanistan.** It is calculated that between 50,000 and 40,000 breech-loading rifles and a large quantity of ammunition have been smuggled into Afghanistan from the Mekran coast during the past year. The rifles come from South India and Eastern Arabia is also the source.

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## A Captious Chapter

Ever feel sore about things? Well,  
I do just now, thinking about the  
"hot air" we hand out about the  
wealth of the district, the output of  
the local mines, the post-office busi-  
ness down here, the new banks that  
are coming into town and all the rest  
of the usual "dope" larded out to the  
prospective settler or purchaser of  
quarter sections, and yet there never  
seems to be a move made towards  
getting up a celebration of some kind  
or another that will seem, besides  
affording a brief period of amuse-  
ment to pleasure-seekers, as a means  
of introducing our town and district  
to people, if it is only to make them  
look up our location on the map  
after reading in the papers the ac-  
counts of the day's doings here.

What is the trouble? Isn't the  
vaunted wealth of the district able  
to stand the strain of a dip-down to-  
wards the expense? Have the  
people in these other places that are  
jealously already made their piles  
and have no other object in life than  
to dig up for the sake of holding  
celebrations, etc.? You'll have to  
show me.

The notion in my noodle is that it  
is done to advertise.

Where is the town at, anyway?  
Everybody keen after waterworks;  
Council working on a plan to supply  
town with an adequate amount of  
water, fire protection, etc., at as  
reasonable a rate as can be expected;  
negotiations opened up with the Cana-  
dian Pacific Railway Company, re-  
obtaining water from its pumping  
plant for a certain time, etc., etc.;  
everything, apparently, going smooth-  
ly; then flop! a letter from the  
railway company to the effect that  
it could have nothing to do with the  
project as the town had some time  
previously made an agreement with  
a certain coal company to take  
water from its plant whenever the  
town was in a position to do so, and  
on the strength of that understand-  
ing said coal company had put in  
much larger pumping plant than was  
necessary for supplying mine pur-  
poses only; Council flabbergasted;  
heads scratched; no recollection of  
such a thing; deputation hastily ap-  
pointed to interview author of letter  
to railway company; deputation in-  
terviews; gets glad smile; "Never  
touched me"; didn't do it; "Will see  
you later and explain"; meanwhile  
matter hung up on peg.

Now, which of 'em is kidding? It  
seems to me this butting in ought  
to be stopped.

A CAPTIOUS CHAP.

A Minneapolis bar-tender has in-  
vented a new drink which he has  
named the suffragette cocktail. One  
makes a man willing to listen to the  
suffragette's proposition; two con-  
vince him that he has some merit;  
three make him a missionary willing  
to "spread the gospel abroad"; and  
four makes him go home and wash  
the dishes.

## Taber Gun Club

A meeting was held in the offices  
of the Reliance Trading Company on  
Tuesday evening, by a number of  
local sportsmen, for the purpose of  
organizing a gun club. It was de-  
cided to call the club the Taber Gun  
Club and the following officers were  
elected:—

Patron: A. J. McLean, M.A.L.  
President: G. W. Leech, M.D.  
Vice-President: B. W. Wright, Esq.  
Spec. Treas.: C. Leonard, Esq.  
Committee: W. W. Douglas, Esq.,  
G. C. Millar, Esq., G. R. Powell, Esq.  
Membership fee was fixed at \$2.00  
for the season. Weekly shoots will  
be held every Friday evening at  
seven o'clock. The committee will  
select suitable grounds this week,  
possibly a little west of the town.

It is expected to have everything  
in readiness within a very few days.  
The club will erect a small shooting-  
box on the grounds for the con-  
venience of shooters.

A goodly list of members has al-  
ready been obtained, and with the  
number of sportsmen in the neigh-  
bourhood the Taber Gun Club should  
prove a success from its inception.

## Begin At Home

Everybody in Taber who it con-  
cerns should read, mark, learn and  
inwardly digest the following spirited  
article which appeared in last week's  
issue of the Fernie Ledger. Unfor-  
tunately similar conditions per-  
tain in Taber—more's the pity!  
but individual action on the part of  
everybody concerned would, soon  
bring about a change for the better.  
The article in question goes on to  
say:—

"We have certain industries, cer-  
tain businesses in the city that have  
cost thousands of dollars to equip,  
and which cost thousands of dollars  
yearly to run, and if some of the  
citizens will not support them, what  
use is there in boosting for the city  
or boosting for other industries?"

"For instance, we have a first-  
class brickyard here that produces  
the very best brick, second to none,  
as has been proved. Well, the city  
is building a city hall. Do they buy  
the home product? No! They  
send away for it and turn down the  
brick company.

"There are two well-equipped  
printing establishments in our city,  
yet several of our merchants and  
commercial men send east for a lot  
of their printing.

"We have the very best of stores  
with an assortment that is hard to  
beat, yet very many of our citizens  
send their good money out to Eaton's  
or Simpson's and take a long chance  
on being suited. How can the city  
be expected to attain magnitude and  
industrial importance under these  
stifling conditions?"

"No, citizens, begin at the genesis.  
Stick by your own people first:  
spend your money at home. If you  
have to pay 50% more, do it; the  
money remains here, helps to pay off  
someone's indebtedness, and in turn  
will come back to you. Then, when  
you have done that, boost for more  
industries. The outside world will  
see the result, and no coaxing will  
be necessary to bring enterprise and  
capital to our city—or to any other  
place conducted on similar lines.

## New College at Moose Jaw

The provincial board of directors  
of the Presbyterian Residential Col-  
lege for Saskatchewan met on Wed-  
nesday night and decided to erect a  
college at Moose Jaw. The sum of  
\$100,000 is to be raised for this pur-  
pose and the city of Moose Jaw is  
donating a free site for the building.  
The Church of England will locate its  
college at the university site, Saskatoon,  
and the Lutherans will do the same.

## Strike of Miners Settled

Terms to be Same as In Effect  
Previous to Trouble—Both Sides  
Make Concessions

Macleod, Alta., May 22.—The  
board of conciliation and arbitration  
which has been for three days en-  
deavouring to settle the differences  
between the striking coal miners  
and the operators in the southern  
districts has succeeded in bringing  
about an agreement and peace, and  
a speedy resumption of work is as-  
sured. An informal agreement was  
reached this afternoon after long dis-  
cussion. The main features are that  
the miners yielded on the open shop  
contention and the operators yield as  
to discrimination.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT  
The text of the board's recom-  
mendation as agreed to by both sides  
is as follows: "We recommend the  
resumption of operations under the  
terms and conditions prevailing at  
the several mines prior to April 1,  
1909. In the meantime the board  
will compile a general agreement,  
based on the old agreements, cover-  
ing all the mines and will adjust all  
the differences at present outstanding  
between the parties, particulars of  
which should be filed by noon on  
Wednesday, May 27, 1909. We re-  
commended that the decision of the  
board shall be final and binding on  
both parties for a period to be decided  
by the board, the same not to ex-  
ceed a term of three years from April 1,  
1909."

A written agreement putting this  
into effect is being drafted and will  
be before the board for signature  
when that body convenes at Macleod  
on Wednesday evening.

## By the Way

A man cannot be as wise all the  
time as a woman is some of the time.

No matter how well you treat the  
world you will never get out of it  
alive.

It is only reason that teaches us  
silence; the heart teaches us to  
speak.

A woman never pays much atten-  
tion to what her husband says unless  
he is talking in his sleep.

The horse a man once owned and  
the wife he is going to get are always  
the most perfect of their kind.

Married men wouldn't mind the  
coming of Easter so much if gowns  
and bonnets grew on trees as they  
did in Adam's time.

One cannot take up a newspaper  
these days without being impressed  
by the fact that there is an un-  
usually large movement of immigra-  
tion in progress, with this country  
as the objective point. The Immigra-  
tion Department hold to the opinion  
this year influx will beat all pre-  
vious records, notwithstanding the  
legislation adopted in 1908 to check  
emigration of certain classes. This  
legislation was directed against the  
poorer classes, so it is quite safe to  
assume that this present influx is all  
of a good type of men and women.  
Heretofore it has been the aim of  
the government to procure immigra-  
tion at all cost, irrespective of quality.  
But the demand of late has been for  
a class that will develop the land by  
settling thereon. Much suffering in  
cities might have been avoided had  
proper measures been taken in time.  
The booking on all trans-Atlantic  
liners is exceptionally heavy and  
there will be a big movement from  
the United States. Prospects for a  
busy time loom large, for it cannot  
be gained that these settlers bring  
with them much capital, while they  
add ultimately to the country's  
wealth by increasing the output from  
the soil.

## NOTICE

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of STABLE, with Loft, situate on  
Reliance Trading Co. property, will  
be received by the undersigned up to  
noon, Wednesday, June 2nd. Stable  
to be moved by purchaser within one  
week from date of purchase. Right  
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C. LEONARD,  
P.O. Drawer F,  
Taber.

## Unprecedented Rush This Year

Americans are Flocking Into  
Alberta

Ottawa, May 22.—Outstanding  
features of this year's immigration  
will be the improved quality of im-  
migrants and the influx from the  
United States, stated W. R. Scott,  
commissioner of immigration yester-  
day.

"March returns showed a 7 per  
cent. increase over last year, but the  
figures for April, while not yet com-  
plete, indicate that this will be con-  
siderably exceeded.

"The rush to Saskatchewan and  
Alberta from the western states is  
wholly unprecedented, while many  
are going to Prince Rupert and points  
adjacent to the Grand Trunk Pacific  
terminus."

## Burned Off His Limbs

A Washington Rancher Deliber-  
ately Held His Legs and Arms  
In Fire

Seattle, Wn., May 22. R. C. Mc-  
Intosh, 41 years old, a ranchman, was  
found in his log cabin to-day with his  
hands and arms so severely burned  
as to require amputation. Mr. Mc-  
Intosh said he read in the Bible of  
evil spirits and concluded these had  
been speaking to him. To rid him-  
self of them he put both arms into  
the fire. He says it was a slow wood  
fire in a kitchen stove and he held  
his hands and arms there for a long  
time. Following the ordeal he sat  
and gazed at his hands and arms for  
hours and felt a great peace come  
over him. Then he was satisfied he  
had done right.

## Alberta Fair List

The following are the dates set by  
the annual convention of the Alberta  
Agricultural Fairs Association for  
the fairs to be held in Alberta in  
1909:

Edmonton, June 29 and 30, July  
1 and 2.  
Calgary, July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.  
Innisfail, July 12 and 13.  
St. Albert, August 4.  
Fort Saskatchewan, August 4.  
Oils, September 13 and 14.  
Clareholm, August 3.  
Macleod, August 4, 5 and 6.  
Lethbridge, August 10, 11 and 12.  
Leduc, September 21.  
Daysland, September 22 and 23.  
Sedgewick, September 24.  
Lloydminster, September 27.  
Innisfree, September 28 and 29.  
Vegreville, September 29.  
Vermilion, Sept. 30 and October 1.  
Viking, October 5.  
Raymond, September 16 and 17.  
Nanton, September 20 and 21.  
Pinehear Creek, September 22.  
Magrath, September 23 and 24.  
Cardston, September 28 and 29.  
Taber, September 30.  
Irvine, October 1.  
Didsbury, October 5 and 6.  
Ponoka, October 6 and 7.  
Lacombe, October 7 and 8.  
Three Hills, October 12.  
Fridley, October 14.  
Alis, September 29.

## WORLD'S News in Brief

King Edward's horse, Minerva, won  
the English Derby on Wednesday.

Earl Grey leaves Ottawa for the  
Old Country early next month for a  
short visit.

The United States Senate defeated  
the amendment in Taft Bill to put  
rough lumber on the free list.

Students of opposite sexes are not  
allowed to speak to one another as a  
punishment for yachting and danc-  
ing.

The Hon. Frank Oliver expects to  
make a trip to the West early in  
June. He intends to make an in-  
spection of the Peace River.

The embargo against American  
cattle, which was established to pre-  
vent the introduction of the foot and  
mouth disease, has now been re-  
moved.

Mr. Warren Jones and Mr. Isaac  
Robinson of Stockton, Cal., lost their  
lives in an automobile accident Wed-  
nesday. The automobile was over-  
turned in two feet of water.

Dr. Iberta, author of "Treasure  
Hunt in Vigo Bay," has been granted  
a concession by the Spanish Govern-  
ment to explore Vigo Bay in quest  
of treasure said to repose there.

One hundred and twenty Irish and  
Scottish domestic servants sailed from  
Liverpool last week in the Corsican,  
bound for Winnipeg, all having se-  
cured situations averaging \$15.00 a  
year.

Oliver Lott, chief of the Spokane  
Indians, passed away from the "happy  
hunting grounds" last Friday. He  
lost his life by drowning in a shallow  
pool, being stricken with heart dis-  
ease.

It is said that King Edward has  
joined in the agitation to induce the  
Dean of Westminster to reconsider  
his decision and allow the ashes of  
Mr. Meredith to be enshrined in the  
Abbey.

Mrs. Helen Kelly Gould has suc-  
ceeded in obtaining divorce from  
Frank J. Gould. Mrs. Gould may  
resume her maiden name and re-  
marry if she chooses at the expira-  
tion of three months.

The Salvationists at Niagara Falls  
are exceedingly wrathful because the  
park officials there refused them per-  
mission to play in the park last Sun-  
day and Monday. A complaint has  
been filed with the Government.

Australia says there should be only  
one fleet, and she cables the  
British Admiralty that the Australian  
destroyers would be placed under the  
control of British Admirals imme-  
diately war is declared or even when  
danger threatened.

Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal  
declares that all secret societies, such  
as Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias,  
Free Masons, were hostile to the  
teachings of the Roman Catholic  
Church, as members upon dying were  
denied the last sacraments of the  
church.

No less than five members of the  
Pindy family have been murdered.  
The first in 1870 and the last a few  
days ago in Gloucester City, Penn.  
They are strangled, two thrown  
under a train and one beaten to death.  
The victims comprised father, mother  
and three sons.

A bright little boy named Seeler  
was driven insane at Washington last  
week. While at play one of the  
children found a dead snake and  
wrapped it round the boy's neck. The  
sight of the snake and the fact that  
for a moment he could not jerk it  
away toppled the boy's reason.

Five million children took part in  
the celebration of Empire Day in  
England. Five thousand uniformed  
schoolboys marched through the  
main streets of the capital to Hyde  
Park, where a great number were  
gathered, and saluted the national  
flag as well as the emblem of 56  
dominions and colonies.



## Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Reliance Trading Co., Ltd., insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named insolvent, Reliance Trading Co., Ltd., of Taber, Alberta, carrying on business as a Lumber and Implement business at Taber, Alberta, has made an assignment of its estate to me for the general benefit of its creditors under the Companies' Winding-up Ordinance, 1903. All persons claiming to be entitled to rank on the estate must file their claims with me on or before the fifteenth day of July, 1909, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets thereof, having regard to those claims only of which I shall then have had notice.

CHARLES LEONARD, Trustee.

Drawer E, Taber, Alberta, April 30th, 1909.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909.

## LOCALS

Ice Cream, made from pure cream, 50c. qt. Taber Bakery. 13-1f

Good general servant wanted.—Apply Mrs. W. W. Douglas. 10-1f

Three-roomed—House for sale, or will rent after June 1st. Apply to R. Farries, Taber. 14-1f

Mr. Thomas Bingham of Magrath was married last week to Miss Hazel Soarle of Grassy Lake.

Mr. G. A. Danforth was in town last week from his farm about 12 miles south-east of Taber.

The man who can't use advertising in business has no business to be in business—and generally isn't.

Pretty quiet day in Taber on the 24th. Most holidays seem to be celebrated in that manner here. What is the reason?

If you want to sell, list your property with us, as we are constantly in touch with buyers. The Hammer Land Co., Taber, Alta. 15-1f

FOR SALE.—30 South African Land Grants on one to three years time secured by mortgage on real estate. P. Whimsier, Portage la Prairie, Man. 11-4tp

Last Friday of Mr. M. L. Johnson's horses was killed at Barnwell by lightning and another was knocked senseless. He barely escaped being struck himself.

WANTED.—A Half Section or more near Taber, on half-crop payments. Owners only apply Imperial Development Company, Ltd., Box 1740, Lethbridge. 47-1f

Tenders for fireguards will be received up to noon on Wednesday, June 9th, by the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton. For further particulars see ad. on front page.

LOST.—One Brown Horse. Brand 520—on left hip. Weight about 14-1500lbs. Good reward. Lost from township 13, range 17, section 18. Mr. John Biensch, Post Office, Taber, Alta. 15-2tp

The Bank of Hamilton have decided to open up a branch in this town. They have taken temporary premises in the Taber Trading Co.'s store on Hough Street and will be open for business in a few days under the charge of W. H. Leck.

Ten Lots at a snap in Block 16 on the north-east corner of Probert Ave. and First St. North. These lots must be sold and we are open to offers on one or all of them. These lots are but one minute's walk from the business part of the town. For further particulars apply to Geo. T. McLeod, 411 Union Bank Building, Winnipeg, Man. 13-1f

Quite a number of local people went down to Grassy Lake to take in the celebration there on Victoria Day. All of them report a very enjoyable time. Taber showed up well in the baseball game, winning with a score of 10-9. At the concert and dance held in the evening pleasing numbers were contributed to the programme by Miss Beck and Miss Primrose.

## Householders, Attention!

NOW is the time to do your Painting, when the work to be done is new. Don't wait till the wood gets weather-beaten, or, even if it does don't wait—it don't pay. You can paint it yourself by getting the Best Paint. OF COURSE is the Sherwin-Williams Paint.

## J. W. Hill & Son

Mr. Frank Miller was in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong were Lethbridge visitors last Friday.

Mr. E. A. Robbins, of Purple Springs, was a visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. Fisher is building an extension to the front of his livery stable.

Mr. C. E. Grandall, of Calgary, spent a couple of days in town last week.

Prospective buyers should see us before buying. The Hammer Land Co., Taber, Alta. 15-1f

Mr. Edwards of Calgary was in town Thursday looking after his real estate interests here.

Mr. P. Hammer, of the Hammer Land Co., made a business trip to Lethbridge on Tuesday last.

Contractor Wildman has a big gang of men at work on the foundation and walls of Mr. Douglas' new store.

Two acre lots for sale opposite the Grand Stand. Snap to cash purchaser. Apply Free Press Office. 4-1f

See D. W. Coulter, field salesman, Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, at Union Hotel, Taber, if interested in buying or selling land, wholesale or retail. 3-4f

Mr. Charles Dehlendorf, of Millbank, S. D., this week purchased a quarter-section a short distance from town from Mr. Nelson of Utah. The Hammer Land Co. put through the deal.

Mr. D. Fraser has sold his second-hand business to Mr. Macdonald and leaves for Vancouver on Saturday night to take up permanent residence there.

Strayed, on township 7, range 16, section 50, one sorrel horse, weight about 750 to 800 lbs.; branded 2E. Left ear split in half. Owner can have same on paying expenses. Joe Garrick, Chin Coulee. 12-3tp

Mr. E. K. Parks and family, of 23-15-16, have been spending a few days in town. While here Mr. Parks purchased a fine two-seated democrat from the John Deere Plow Co. We understand this is to be used as a stage route he intends opening up.

The Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate was here again this week with a big bunch of buyers, accompanied by Mr. Polley and Mr. Larson who had been to the coast to meet his family, who have been spending the winter there. List your lands with D. W. Coulter, the syndicate's field salesman.

## Church Services

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday evening service at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association, every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

St. Theodore Church.—Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.; Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun in each month and 8:30 a.m. on third Sunday in the month.

Knox Church.—Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Bible Class and Sunday School, 2:30 p.m.; Evening Service, 7:30; Wednesday O.E. Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

## Russian Thistle

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surface packing brings the particles close together and the surface cultivation forms a mulch preventing evaporation.

Method 2.—Where it is necessary to raise a grain crop, if fall wheat can be grown successfully, it is undoubtedly the best crop to raise. The land intended for seeding to wheat that season should receive the same cultivation as advised for the summer-fallow until August when it is time to sow for wheat. Any thistles that come up in the grain in the fall will be winter-killed. If the wheat comes through the winter in good condition and gets a good start in the spring, it will readily crowd out any thistles that might appear. This early spring start gives fall wheat an advantage over other grain crops. After the crop is harvested the land should be disked and harrowed as often as possible so that it will be in good condition for a crop the succeeding year.

Spring grain should not be sown on land that contains viable seeds of the Russian thistle unless the ground is in good condition and has sufficient moisture for the production of a heavy crop. Where this weed is present all grain crops should be harrowed when the grain is four or five inches high. This will prevent the evaporation of moisture and destroy many of the thistles as well as other weeds. A lever harrow with sloping teeth is best to use for this purpose.

Method 3.—Crops that permit of cultivation throughout the season such as roots and potatoes afford an excellent opportunity to exterminate these pests, but the ground must be cultivated and hoed whenever the weeds appear.

Method 4.—Fodder crops such as alfalfa, timothy, western rye and brome grass will soon smother the thistle provided they get a favourable start, but the ground must be in good condition before these crops are sown, otherwise the grass seeds will not germinate and the results will be poor. In some places winter rye is sown as a fodder crop with good results. It gets an early start in the spring and is cut not later than the middle of July, so that if the thistles do start they are destroyed before they produce seed. Where the Russian thistle has entirely taken possession of a field some farmers follow the practice of cutting and feeding it as fodder. When the plants are young and tender, suitable as fodder, they may be cut with a mowing machine; but at a later date, usually after July 1st, depending upon the season, they are too coarse and brittle to be used for this purpose or handled in this way, and besides they are apt to contain mature seeds which will find their way back to the soil and reinfest it.

Method 5.—During the month of June when the thistles are tender, live stock, especially sheep, will eat them readily—a good flock of sheep doing much to keep them under control. The grazing period, however, lasts for only about six weeks; after the 10th of July they commence to mature and are so coarse and prickly that stock will not readily eat them. It will be observed that the grazing period of this weed occurs at a time when the permanent pastures are at their best, and as it contains less nutriment than the grasses and has an exceedingly short grazing period, it can never take their place as a pasture crop.

Method 6.—As the seeds are distributed by the mature plants blowing over the ground, all such plants should be destroyed by burning, or if this cannot be accomplished they should at least be prevented from blowing. Close wire fences, high enough to keep the thistles from blowing over the top, will be effective in preventing the spread of the seed. In some parts of the United States five or six rows of sunflowers are sown around the field close enough to prevent the thistles blowing through. Later in the autumn the whole thing is burned. In parts of Russia where the thistle is common, rows of trees were planted to prevent the soil from

## Election Expenses

Statement of Expenses of Archibald J. McLean

Expenses S. Keith to Bow Island .....	\$10 00
Do, do, Express on Posters .....	65
Do, do, Telegrams .....	75
W. D. Whitney, Team .....	4 00
S. M. Wing, Painting .....	15 00
Provincial Telephone A/c .....	7 00
Taber Free Press Co., Printing .....	11 50
Expenses D. D. Jenkins to Grassy Lake and Bow Island .....	14 00
Expenses W. A. Aubin attending Nomination at Lethbridge, also expenses at Diamond City and Grassy Lake .....	12 80
E. C. Jones, painting .....	6 60
D. J. Fraser, furnishings for Committee Room .....	7 00
Frank Whitney, team Newlands .....	6 00
Expenses H. A. Hodgson to Bowville, etc. ....	32 00
Expenses S. J. Wing .....	12 00
Expenses Geo. W. Birch .....	10 00
Expenses A. Beck to Royal Collieries, Grassy Lake and Lethbridge .....	26 80
Expenses L. W. Hardy .....	17 00
Expenses Wm. Warnock .....	5 00
Expenses R. A. VanOrman .....	57 20
Expenses Alex. Campbell .....	18 00
Expenses T. Hodgson .....	9 00
Expenses E. R. Wildman .....	14 50
Livery A/c, Pierson Bros. ....	33 00
Expenses G. P. Porter .....	3 00
Expenses Thos. Anderson .....	2 00
Livery A/c, Connor's Barn .....	21 00
	\$355 80

W. A. AUBIN, Official Agent.  
R. P. WALLACE, Returning Officer.  
Taber, Alta., May 21st, 1909.

## New Kind of Duel

Blew Out His Brains On His Mother's Grave

Vienna, May 25.—An extraordinary story of an American duel comes from Budapest.

The victim, a young man named Hirschi, was the principal of a firm of timber merchants. He made the acquaintance of a wealthy merchant's daughter, and fell in love with her. Her father, however, refused to give his sanction to the marriage.

The girl married another man, to the despair of Hirschi. He called upon her in order to say farewell, and during the interview threatened to commit suicide.

The husband confronted the couple, and, producing a revolver, would have killed Hirschi on the spot, had not his wife pushed his arm up, thus diverting his aim. The three adjourned to a cafe, where an American duel was arranged. Taking two matches from a box, the husband knocked the head off one, and invited Hirschi to make a selection.

He drew the match with the head on. This meant that he had to die within 48 hours.

Hirschi visited his friends and invited a number to supper. The party did not separate until 5 o'clock in the morning.

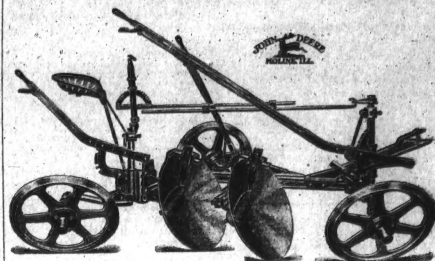
Hirschi then went to his mother's grave and blew his brains out. He left a letter setting forth that he had died as the result of an American duel.

The successful angler knows just when and where to draw the line.

drifting. These trees acted as fences, preventing the thistles from blowing long distances, and it is reported that little difficulty is experienced in those localities in keeping the thistle under control. Any of these methods are practical in Alberta.

Grain containing seeds of the Russian thistle should not be sown or fed to stock without first being thoroughly cleaned.

## John Deere Plow Co.



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## A ROMANCE OF STEEL

The Rise of a Great Industry and Enormous Fortunes.

### KELLY AND THE AIR BLAST.

The Flash of Genius Which Provided the World With a New Metal—Robert Mushet's Device—Captain Bill Jones and Andrew Carnegie.

As late as the middle of the last century cheap steel was unknown. It was then sold at 25 cents a pound. The railroads were using iron rails which wore out in less than two years, and the total output of iron and steel in a year was less than is now made in four days.

Then came William Kelly, a Pittsburgh Irish-American, that flash of genius which provided the world with a new metal, something as strong as steel and as cheap as iron.

Kelly was an iron maker and needed charcoal. In time all the wood near his furnace was burned, and the nearest available source of supply was seven miles distant. To cart his charcoal seven miles meant bankruptcy unless he could invent a way to save fuel. One day he was sitting in front of the "duffy fire" when he suddenly sprang to his feet, with a shout, and rushed to the furnace. At one edge he saw a white hot spot in the yellow mass of molten metal. The iron at this spot was incandescent. It was almost gaseous. Yet there was no charcoal, nothing but the steady blast of air. Kelly's flash the idea leaped into his excited brain—there was no need of charcoal; air alone for fuel.

But people said he was crazy when Kelly asserted that pig iron could be changed into malleable iron by the air blast, for every iron maker believed in those days that cold air would chink hot iron. "Some crank will be trying to burn his neck," said the iron manufacturer, and Kelly, through lack of means, could not turn his idea into the success he deserved.

Then, seven years later, came Bessemer, who made the new process a commercial success by the invention of his celebrated "converter" and received \$100,000, worldwide fame and a knightship as his reward. Kelly received \$500,000 and comparative oblivion, although his idea was the nucleus of the Bessemer process by which iron is purified from carbon by the direct introduction of oxygen, for when Bessemer applied for and obtained a United States patent for his "pneumatic process" Kelly claimed priority for his invention, and his claim was allowed by the patent office.

Another pioneer of the steel trade Robert F. Mushet, a Scotsman, who hit upon a device for removing a difficulty that baffled Kelly and his associates even worse than Kelly, for he lost his patent by failing to pay the necessary fees and in his later years was dependent upon a pension of \$1,200 which he received annually from Bessemer.

The difficulty which Mushet removed was this:

The air blast clears the molten metal of carbon and of all impurities, including sulphur and phosphorus. But a certain quantity of carbon is necessary to harden the metal into the required quality of steel. Instead of endeavoring to stop the process at exactly the right moment, Mushet asked, "Why not turn out all the carbon and then pour back the exact quantity that you need?" This was a simple device, but no one had thought of it before.

The man who took the invention of Kelly and Bessemer into his hands, developed it into one of the wonders of the world and made the Carnegie millions was Captain William R. Jones. Bill Jones, as he was known, who seemed to live with his nose to the wind, was the man who had the idea of tapping over the idea that England owned the steel trade. He could have been a millionaire many times over but he cared little for money. When the gas offered a partnership he replied:

"No, Mr. Carnegie, I don't know any thing about business, and I don't want to be bothered with it. I've got trouble enough here in these works. I'll tell you what you can do—these were his exact words—"you can give me a thundering big salary."

"After this, captain," replied Carnegie, "you shall have the salary of the president of the United States—\$25,000."

The famous scrap heap policy was originated by Jones. He did not believe in waiting until the machinery was worn out. The moment that it improved was invented old machinery was dragged to the scrap heap and the latest device put in its place. He made the shareholders jump on several occasions by asking permission to spend up \$500,000 worth of machinery which was as good as new, but outgrown. Jones died, as he had lived, in the midst of an industrial battle at the head of his men, who were as loyal as he in the company's works. "Carnegie, looking upon poor Jones as he lay in the hospital, sobbed like a child."

"The Romance of Steel," by Herbert C. Casanov.

The Wind.  
The senator pushed into the crowd that surrounded the automobile.  
"What is the trouble here?" he inquired.  
"Punctured tire," replied a man with a dinner pail. "Make a speech into it, will you, senator?"

Inquisitive people are the funnels of conversation. They do not take in anything for their own use, but merely to pass it to another.

## A NOISY CONVENTION.

One in Which Comanches and Panthers Were Outshrieked.

The noisiest, the jolliest, the most exciting and perhaps the least logical campaign was that of 1854. William Henry Harrison, hero of an Indian victory at Tippecanoe, a plain old man who had lived his subsequent career as a soldier, in a log cabin decorated with combs and had drunk hard cider was selected by Thurlow Weed as a better candidate than Henry Clay. The issues between Van Buren, the Democratic candidate, and Harrison were not clearly drawn, but the adventurous circumstances of Harrison's early life were skillfully utilized for theatrical effects. Processions miles long with log cabins, ether barrels and combs caps on poles stretched from state to state. Glee clubs were a feature of the campaign, and the Indian fighter was fairly sung into office.

In the convention of 1850 began the modern custom of cheering and counter cheering. The Seward contingent gave a parade the day of the convention. While they were marching Lincoln supporters filled the Wigwam. With the naming of the candidates the cheering. Murt Halstead said that when Seward was nominated and seconded "the shouting was absolutely frantic, shrill and wild. Comanches or panthers never struck a higher note or gave screams with more infernal intensity. Looking from the stage over the vast amphitheater, nothing but a sea of white heads and thousands of hats—a black, mighty array of hats flying with the velocity of horns over a mass of human heads were the mouths of which were open."

But when Lincoln's nomination was recorded the west was heard from. "I thought the cheering and yelling could not be surpassed," said Halstead, "but the Lincoln boys were clearly ahead and feeling their victory as there was a bull in the storm, took deep breaths all around and gave a scream that was positively awful and accompanied it with stamping that made every plank in the floor of the hall tremble." On the third ballot Lincoln was nominated. The shouting was so deafening that the cannon which was discharged on the roof of the building could not be heard inside.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## PERILOUS SLEEPWALKING.

The Tragedy on Which Bellini Wrote His Celebrated Opera.

Somnambulists can maintain their footing in the most perilous places so long as they remain in a state of somnambulism, but if suddenly awakened they instantly lose their self possession and balance.

On one occasion a young woman living in Dresden was seen at midnight walking on the edge of the roof of her house. Her family were immediately alerted, but she was afraid to go near her. The neighbors gathered about the house and placed mattresses and blankets along the street in hopes that they might save her in case she fell.

She danced for over an hour on the slanting roof, apparently retaining her balance without difficulty, and every now and then she would advance to the edge and bow to the silent crowd standing many feet below her.

At last she climbed down to the wide gutter which ran in front of the window through which she had come with the evident intention of re-entering the house. The crowd watching her so intently drew a sigh of relief. But, unfortunately, her terrified relatives, thinking to assist her, had placed two lighted candles in the room near the window, and as she approached the light fell directly in her eyes.

Instantly the shock awakened her, and she swayed back and forth in her perilous position, then with a frightful scream, she fell headlong to the ground. She was fatally hurt and died in a few hours. It was on this tragedy that Bellini wrote his celebrated opera "La Sonnambula."

## The Tragic Love Weed.

The abominable Mexican plant known as the love weed has the peculiar property of making irrational both men and beasts who partake of it. Horses and cattle out on the prairies after grazing upon it go crazy, and a "loved" pony will perform all kinds of queer antics. It is said that if a man comes under its spell he never regains his senses, the insanity produced by it being incurable. It is said that the loss of mind of the ill-fated Charlotte was no doubt due to the fact that some means drugged her with a preparation of love weed, although history has it that she went in sane by reason of her husband's execution.—Baltimore American.

## A Gentle Husband.

"Woman to her husband, bull to a woman's writing—no doubt, correctly speaking, what is a dentist? Husband (crossly)—Derived from dent. French for teeth, a man who pulls teeth. (Husband setting out to writing, again Wife—My dear, you said this morning that linguist was derived from the Latin lingua, a tongue. Husband (crossly)—Yes, Wife—Well, dear, it is a linguist a man who pulls out tongues? Husband—No, madam, but I wish he did.—London Answers.

## The Best Man.

"Why is it," asked the dear girl, "that the bridegroom's attendant is called the 'best man'?"  
"I suppose it's because he is the best of," growled the fussy old bachelor.

## Considerate Censorship.

"Does your father know I love you?"  
"No. Papa isn't very well, and we've kept it from him."

## THE HINDOO FAKIR.

His Patience and Skill in the Bag and Spear Trick.

The feat known as the bag and spear trick has been considered one of the greatest of the Hindoo fakirs' art. In this trick, says a writer, the Hindoo fakir has his assistant get into a sack, the mouth of which he firmly secures, and then unceremoniously buries his helpless victim to the ground. Without a sign of warning the fakir drives his spear through the center of the bag.

After withdrawing his weapon, upon the point of which no blood stains appear, the fakir stands and gazes steadily over the heads of the spectators. The body within the bag bounces about as if in mortal agony. At last, when the occupant is apparently dead, the fakir again plunges his spear into the motionless body. The same antics are repeated. Then the fakir releases his attendant from the bag, and he steps out without a scratch upon his body.

Although the trick is performed with all the carelessness imaginable, it calls for more patience, skill and endurance than any of the so-called bag tricks. When a stated number of breaths have been taken the fakir makes his thrust, and the occupant in the bag is prepared to avoid it. Then the count begins again, and at the proper time the spear is driven through the bag a second time. In order to evade the spear and make it appear to pass through his body the assistant doubles up in as small a form as possible. His legs are drawn up close, with the chin resting upon the knees and the arms folded round the lower limbs across the shins. When in this position, at the fifth breath, the spear passes under the attendant's arms between the abdomen and the thighs.

The slightest miscalculation by either the fakir or his assistant would mean a serious if not a mortal wound for one and an unbecoming disgrace for the other.

The fakir and attendant are able so to train themselves to breathe in perfect unison while giving one of these performances, when the slightest variation in time by either would be fatal, is certainly wonderful.

## SOUVENIR FANATICS.

Nothing is Safer From Those Afflicted With the Craze.

In these enlightened days anything from the limb of a tree to a table napkin is liable to be carried away as a souvenir.

A western girl with a well defined case of the souvenir habit, rejoicing in New York, was dining at a fashionable cafe and, being possessed in favor of the cunning pewter cream pots which the tables were supplied with, carried one away in her mouth. "Can you imagine her self value when upon examining her prize after she discovered carved across the bottom 'Made from M.S.'?"

A Pittsburgh bachelor, wandering into a restaurant, came upon a friend just setting himself with two ladies. The bachelor was invited to join the party, did so, and at the end of the luncheon insisted upon paying the costs. The bill being wrong, he went to the cashier's desk to personally adjust the discrepancy, where he was informed that the extra charges were for spoons which the ladies had put in their hand bags. And that was the first time he had ever met them!

Upon the occasion of the presentation of a handsome silver service by one of the United States to a battle ship which was being christened in her honor an elaborate banquet was served aboard ship, at which the service from the town near which they were anchored, and after the function was over the ladies had put in their hand bags. And that was the first time he had ever met them!

## He Didn't Care.

A Georgia man tells of the meeting of a negro "literary society" in that state. During the consideration of the business part of the club's program, some one had proposed that the regular time of meeting be changed from Tuesday to Friday, and this proposition provoked much discussion. Finally, the president of the society being appealed to for his opinion, that official declared with much gravity:

"Members of de society, muscally, now, personally, I don't care which night de society meets, but fo' mysef I prefers Tuesday."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## Fish-Food and National Greatness.

There is no use in our country doing much that a near eating nation would be superior either in intellect or physique to a fish eating one. We as a race were leveled to the ground when we fed on fish, to such an extent that the careful guardian of the newly entertained apprentice commonly inserted a line in his indenture stipulating that he was not to be required to eat salmon more than three days a week.—London Globe.

## Beating a Retreat.

"What is necessary when you wish to beat a retreat?" asked an old military man at Fort Washington.

"I suppose you'd have to retreat faster than the other fellows," was the reply that came after some deliberation.

Evils that are passed should not be mourned.—Italian Proverb.

## EBONY WOOD.

All of the Several Varieties Are Heavier Than Water.

Ebony was known and highly esteemed by the ancients as an article of luxury and was used by them for a variety of purposes.

In India it is said that it was employed by kings for scepters and also for many other articles of luxury. It was used largely for drinking cups. The name ebony is given to the wood of several varieties of trees. All kinds of ebony are distinguished for their great density and dark color. The wood in all varieties is heavier than water. The heaviest varieties are the darkest. The other grades require a considerable amount of staining to make them black.

Ebony is of a uniform color throughout and will not show any deterioration even from long continued use.

There are three varieties of ebony well known in commerce. The ebony from the Gaboon coast of Africa is the darkest. The Madagascare ebony is the densest. The Macassar ebony is famous as the largest pieces. It is sold by weight.

Imitations of ebony can always be distinguished by their lighter weight, and the cheaper imitations can be detected by merely scratching the surface.

## SPECTRAL WARNINGS.

The Bloody Mark That Appeared on Garza's Fingers.

Who shall say that spectral warnings are entirely chimerical? History has many instances to the contrary. Thus once, when known as a trapezoid, a former died on the stage at Liverpool. At the same hour and minute a shopman in London, sleeping under a counter, saw distinctly his shade glide through the shop, open the door and pop into the street. This an hour or so later he mentioned very coolly, as if Mr. Falmer blunder had been there.

Cardan, the noted Italian philosopher, saw on the ring finger of his left hand a bloody sword, a bloody sword and heard at the same time a voice which bade him go to Milan. The redness progressively increased until midnight. The mark then faded gradually and disappeared. At that midnight hour his son was beheaded at Milan.

The father of Dr. Blomley was captain of an army serving in America. We are told by Dr. Rudge that six officers 300 miles from his position were visited after dinner by this modern Banquo, who sat in a vacant chair. One said to him, "Blomley, are you mad?" He rose in silence and slowly glided out at the door. He was slain on that day and hour.—St. James' Gazette.

## The Woeful of the Woodcock.

The woeful of the woodcock is one of those sights to witness which a lover of nature in all its moods will make a journey of many miles to see enacted at twilight, and the setting in of willow or alder bushes whose branches are just beginning to show the color of the early spring. Suddenly from the damp ground a bird form shoots upward like some swamp spirit until it is outlined against the dark of the evening sky. Then it glides above the branches, and the song of the wooing bird, hidden in the darkness, is the thick lower growth is the object to which this now song is directed. The bird alone circles perhaps a score of times, then drops perched on the damp thicket, making a sound which can be likened only to the dropping of water into a woodland pool. Again the bird soars and circles, singing still the love song. This is repeated time after time until the last gleam of light has faded and night's darkness comes down.

## The Life Saving Service.

The first stations of a life saving service in this country were established by the Massachusetts Humane society at Lovell Island and Colonsset. All efforts for saving life and property in cases of shipwreck were made by this society till 1857, when the president of the United States was authorized to employ ships to cruise along the shores and render assistance to distressed navigators. In 1858 congress passed a law creating a few life saving stations between Sandy Hook and Little Egg harbor, New Jersey. From this has grown the splendid system which now takes in all the coasts of the country.

## A Watch Tip.

"So you lost your watch in the crowd, eh? Leave it, the detective, secured." "Well, I'm ashamed of you."

"You ought to know after your long friendship with me that there's only one safe way for a man to carry a costly watch—in the right hand vest pocket, with the chain running into the right and left pockets."

## Quite Unexpected.

The Mistress—What, Suzanne, going to leave me? Going to get married? This is most unexpected. The French Maid—Oh, madam, get on with your fault. Let was only last night sat your son proposed to me.

## Why They Doubted Him.

Hevitt—Figures won't lie. Jewett—That's what I tell the people I meet in business, but they won't believe me. Hevitt—What is your business? Jewett—I'm collector for a gas company.—Town and Country.

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